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SUBJ: WHITLAM STATEMENT ON MINERAL EXPORT CARTELS

REF: CANBERRA 4256

1. AUSTRALIAN PRESS REPORTS JULY 27 INDICATE PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM DURING RECENT MEXICO CITY VISIT PROPOSED TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA THAT MAJOR MINERAL-EXPORTING COUNTRIES "JOIN TOGETHER AGAINST REST OF WORLD IN RATIONING ORE SALES AT FIXED PRICES." DETAILS THIS PROPOSAL VERY SCARCE AND BASED SOLELY ON PRESS REPORTS OF UNCONFIRMED ACCURACY. APPARENTLY WHITLAM LATER BACKED DOWN FROM SUGGESTION OF EXPORTING CARTELS APPLYING PRESSURE ON MAJOR IMPORTERS (JAPAN, EEC, US) BUT ONLY AFTER ECHEVERRIA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN IDEA.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: ANY BACKGROUND INFORMATION OR DETAILS WHICH EMBASSY MEXICO CITY CAN PROVIDE ON WHITLAM PROPOSAL AND GOM REACTION WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. WHITLAM HAS INDICATED ON OTHER OCCASIONS (REFTEL) THAT GOA CONSIDERING JOINING WITH OTHER MINERALS EXPORTERS, ESPECIALLY LDC'S, TO FORCE HIGHER MINERALS PRICES,
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